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SUBJECT: OECD COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY
(CPST) - INFORMATION POLICY GROUP (IPG). MEETING OF DIRECTORS
OF TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION CENTERS, PARIS MARCH 12-13, 1973.

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1. SUMMARY DIRECTORS OF TOXICOLOGICAL INFO CENTERS, AT MARCH 12-13
MEETING, GAVE VERY FAVORABLE RECEPTION TO US PROPOSAL FOR EX-
CHANGE OF DATA FILES. ACTION REQUESTED: US FOLLOW UP AT MARCH
20-21 MEETING OF IPG. END SUMMARY.

2. FOURTEEN COUNTRIES PLUS EEC SENT PARTICIPANTS TO SUBJECT
MEETING. US REPRESENTED BY HENRY KISSMAN, NLM.

3. ROUND- TABLE PRESENTATIONS OF MEMBER- COUNTRY SITUATION
BROUGHT OUT NEED AND DESIRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO
EXCHANGE DATA FILES ON TOXICOLOGY. IN THIS FAVORABLE CLIMATE,
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US WAS ABLE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR A VOLUNTARY NETWORKING OF SUCH FILES, LEADING TO CONSIDERABLE COST AND TIME ECONOMIES FOR ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING NLM, WHILE FURTHERING NLM AIMS TO EXTEND ITS OWN DATA FILES THIS SUBJECT.

4. US PROPOSAL MET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL, AND KISSMAN'S TEXT, REVISED TO INCORPORATE APPROPRIATE SUGGESTIONS BY THE GROUP, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE IPG MARCH 20-21 WITH A COVERING RECOMMENDATION THAT OECD NATIONAL AUTHORITIES GIVE IT URGENT CONSIDERATION.

5. IN ESSENCE, US PROPOSAL CALLS FOR INCEPTION OF A TOXICOLOGY DATA- FILE EXCHANGE. FOUR OR FIVE COUNTRIES ARE LIKELY TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AS SOON AS THEIR GOVERNMENT CLEARANCE OBTAINED.

6. SECRETARIAT (IN CHAIR) AND US MADE CLEAR THAT (A) SUCH EX- CHANGE WOULD FIT INTO UN AND EEC ACTIONS FOR TOXICOLOGICAL REGISTRIES AND REFERRAL CENTERS, GEARED TO ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS (B) OECD WOULD NOT HAVE OPERATIONAL ROLE IN ORGANIZING OR ADMINISTERING NETWORK, BUT WOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO POLICY- LEVEL ADVISORY ACTIVITIES, AS WITH EUROPE- WIDE CHEMICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM, SPONSORED BY US THROUGH OECD, AND NOW OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY.

7. KISSMAN WILL DISCUSS REVISED TEXT WITH NLM, DEPARTMENT, AND AINES (NSF). NO FIRM COMMITMENT MADE RE EXTENT AND NATURE NLM CONTRIBUTION, BUT MISSION FEELS THAT USEFUL FOR US MEMBER IPG (AINES) MAKE PRELIMINARY STATEMENT ON PRACTICAL DETAILS DURING MARCH 20-21 IPG PLENARY. BROWN

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